

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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There is a proposal in the Governor's May revision which would delete funding for the Alzheimer's Research Centers of California and in particular for the Center located at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, and a proposal to eliminate funding for Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers and Adult Day Health Care services.

Alzheimer's Research Centers are essential because they provide research and actual services to patients and their families. The center at Rancho Los Amigos operates in collaboration with the University of Southern California and is the only center located at a County hospital. If the funding is eliminated, this center will have to close.

Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers provide day care for persons with dementia, while giving respite to their caregivers. The centers also provide education and training for caregivers, professionals, students, and the community about Alzheimer's disease as well as referrals and support services for persons with dementia and their families.

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Also, Alzheimer's disease is increasing, especially in minority communities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board:

1) Urge the Budget Conference Committee to reject the Governor's proposal to eliminate funding for Alzheimer's Research Centers, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers or Adult Day Health Care services;

2) Oppose any proposal to eliminate funding for Alzheimer's Research Centers and in particular the Center located at Rancho Los Amigos; and

3) Instruct the Sacramento representatives to advocate these positions on behalf of the County.

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